जिन्होंने क्रियान्वयन में महत्वपूर्ण प्रगति की है, को पूरा करने को उच्चतम प्राथमिकता दी जानी है । योजना आयोग ने राज्यों में विभिन्न सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए निर्धारित परिव्यय का कड़ाई से पालन करने का निर्णय लिया है ।

Proposal of Yamuna water package with Rajasthan Government

662. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have sent a proposal of Yamuna package for the approval of the Rajasthan Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) A draft Memorandum of Understanding allocating utilisable surface flows of Yamuna has been sent to Rajasthan Government for acceptance. The contents of the MOU are under discussion.

Diversion of Achan Koilar and Pamba River waters

663. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the feasibility of diversion of Achankoilar in Karala into the vaigai basin has been established and the project report has also been formulated;

(b) if so, what steps are taken by the Central Government to persuade and convince the State Government of Kerala to agree to this project proposal;

(c) whether the Central Government would initiate steps to facilities discussions between Tamil Nadu and Kerala Government in the matter; and

(d) what are the other rivers flown into West in Kerala about which studies or investigations are made by the Central Government as to the feasibility of diversion into Tamil Nadu and what are the findigs in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P K. THUNGON): (a) The National Water Development Agency has prepared a preliminary report suggesting the feasibility of the Pamba-Achankovil-Vaigai link for transferring about 664 million cubic metres of water. The project estimated to cost about Rs. 668 crores envisages one lakh hectare irrigation benefit in Tamil Nadu and 159 mega watt power benefit to Kerala.

(b) and (c) Chief Ministers|Irrigation Ministers are Members of National Water Development Agency. Also concerned State Government officials are represented on the Governing Body and Technical Advisory Committee of the Agency. These Bodies meet at regular intervals to sort out various issues concerning studies undertaken by the Agency.

(d) No, other proposal is under consideration.

Linking of Peninsular Rivers

664. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the steps have been taken by Government with regard to the Peninsular rivers Projects, that implies the project of linking Mahanadi, Godhavari, Krishna and Cauvery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): The National Water

Development Agency under the Ministry of Water Resources has completed the preliminary feasibility reports of Mahanadi-Godavari Link and three links forming the Godavari-Krishna Link proposals. The feasibility studies of the remaining links and the field survey and investigation for preparation of detailed feasibility reports of the links are included in the Eighth Five Year Plan Programme of the Agency.

Medium and majojr irrigation projects in Maharashtra

665. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the number of medium and major irrigation projects in Maharashtra are witnessing a very high time and cost run;

(b) if so, the project-wise details of such medium and major irrigation projects in operation/under execution;

(c) the details of special assistance proposed during the Eighth Five Year Plan to expedite these projects; and

(d) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has made any proposal in this regard and the details of decisions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) During the Plan period, 14 Major and 157 Medium projects have been completed up to end of 7th Plan in the State of Maharashtra. The Project-wise deails of the on-going schemes is given in the Annexure attached. (See Appendix CLXVI Annexure No. 12)

(c) No special assistance is provided to expedite the projects in the 8th Plan. However, to ensure accrual of benefits from investment the strategy adopted in 8th Five Year Plan is to attach top most priority to completion of on-going projects which have made significant progress in implementation.

(d) The Government of Maharashtra had sent to the Planning Commission on 7-1-1991 a proposal for raising resources outside the plan for accelerating Irrigation Projects in Maharashtra. As the total investible resources for the market borrowing programme, both for the Central and State Governments, is limited, there is no scope for allowing any additional allocation to Maharashtra Government over and above the borrowing programme as already approved. However, it has been decided to allow state level public sector undertakings to issue bonds in conformity with the guidelines of Securities and Exchange Control Board of India.

Share of Flood waters of Ganga to Rajasthan

666. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has been claiming its share in flood waters of Ganga which could be diverted to the arid areas of Rajasthan since 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that comments called for in this connection by the Chairman, Central Water Commission from the State Government were sent as early as June, 1990; and

(c) if so, what is the present position of the case and by when the Rajasthan is likely to get its share in flood waters of GANGA, and if there is any delay the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) Rajasthan had submitted a proposal in 1984, envisaging diversion of 1133 cumec of Ganga Waters near Hardwar for 100 days during monsoon for utilisation